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SUBJECT: PROSPECTING TEAMS WITHDRAWN IN RHODESIA

1. ACCORDING TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS, ANGLO AMERICAN ANNOUNCED IN SALISBURY ON JULY 22 THAT IT WAS SUSPENDING PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES IN RHODESIA AND WAS WITHDRAWING ITS GEOLOGICAL STAFF FROM THE FIELD. THIS AFFECTS ABOUT 100 PEOPLE WHO WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO OTHER AREAS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. ACCORDING TO ANGLO'S ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED APRIL 1977, DRILLING FOR NICKEL HAD BEEN COMPLETED IN THE MIDLANDS WITH LOW GRADE DEPOSITS DISCOVERED, AND WAS CONTINUING NORTHEAST OF SALISBURY. SEARCH FOR COPPER AND ZINC WAS CONTINUING WITH ENCOURAGING PRELIMINARY RESULTS. DRILLING FOR LEAD AND ZINC NEAR URUNGWE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. ALTHOUGH THE PRESS REPORT CALLED THE DECISION A BLOW

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TO THE RHODESIAN MINING INDUSTRY, A CONTACT AT ANGLO COMMENTED TO US THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION FOR GEOLOGICAL PEOPLE IN THE REMOTE AREAS WAS ACUTE AND THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN PULLED OUT LONG AGO. THIS WAS A FACT OF LIFE THAT THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN TRYING TO IGNORE. HE NOTED THAT RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT SURVEY TEAMS WERE NOW BEING WITHDRAWN AS WELL.

3. ANGLO OFFICIAL SAID THIS ACTION HAD NO WIDER SIGNIFICANCE
AND NOTED THAT ANGLO'S TWO MAIN OPERATIONS IN RHODESIA, THE
WANKIE COAL MINE AND RHODESIAN NICKEL COMPANY (MINES
PLUS BINDURA SMELTER) WERE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.
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